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## Hidden Shoal Recordings » Apricot Rail Debut Single

Perth, Australia; June 2nd, 2009. The Australian music label Hidden Shoal Recordings today announced the release of the debut single by Perth-based multi-instrumental pop quintet Apricot Rail.

'Pouring Milk Out The Window' sees Apricot Rail producing some of the most discretely charming, lush instrumental pop music you're likely to hear all year. Delicate, bell-like arpeggiated guitar weaves around snaking clarinet and flute, while the beautifully held back yet sanguine rhythm section drives the whole thing into a blurred, sun-soaked horizon. 'Pouring Milk Out The Window' is an anthem without ever having to be anthemic, a melancholic reverie that never resorts to the emotional ease of sadness.

Most instrumental rock suggests the apocalypse is coming. If it is, Apricot Rail are too busy crafting beautiful lilting melodies to care. This Perth quintet have the charm, humour and songwriting nous – and a killer live show – to re-ignite anyone's belief in music's subtle, giddy powers.

*"The might of, I dunno, Mogwai is still there, but the charm of Múm is also present. They paint mountains in broad strokes but afterwards they take time to put in Sherpas and goats partying on the cliff face. That's how I like my monumental arms of guitar served up - gigantic but also tiny"* – **Love Is My Velocity**

The band's initial demo received regular rotation on Perth's RTRFM, and though unreleased, was rated by the station's Homegrown presenter Chris Wheeldon as his second-favourite local outing of 2008. In the second half of the 2008, Apricot Rail chalked up some serious gig mileage, along the way supporting the likes of Holly Throsby, Charge Group and Adam Said Galore, whilst finding refuge among Perth's emerging post-rock/experimental scene.

In November 2008 the band headed into Kingdom studios under the guidance of Simon Struthers (Umpire, Adam Said Galore, Mukaizake) where the band recorded their self-titled debut long player. Australian fans got a chance to taste some of the new album's sublime wares when the Apricot Rail track 'If You Can't Join Them, Beat Them' was released on the prestigious *Spunk Singles Club* compilation album along with the likes of Leader Cheetah, The Dead Sea and The Middle East. The band was also recently nominated for Favourite Newcomer in the 2009 Western Australian Music Industry Awards.

'Pouring Milk Out The Window' is available for free download from the Hidden Shoal Store until the release of Apricot Rail's self-titled album on the 4th of July. The band will be doing a run of shows in Perth throughout June and July.

Hidden Shoal Recordings is an Australia-based independent music label that has earned a reputation for releasing exciting and engaging new independent music that is not bound by genre or style. Hidden Shoal Recordings was chosen as one of the top ten favourite labels of 2007 by Textura magazine, and has been dubbed "This generation's 4AD" by prominent New York radio host DJ Mojo.

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